

STAFFORD HAMLET  
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

February 12, 2018

Chair Jay Minor called the February 12th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:05 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Dave Adams, Richard Fiala, Walt Gamble, Bill Markt, Jay Minor, Mary Moore, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber
- ❖ Excused: Jana Lombardi, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Clackamas County Road Safety Audit of Stafford Road Presentation:

Christian Snuffin (Traffic Safety Engineer) and Joseph Marek (Transportation Safety Program Manager) from Clackamas County came to present the results of the road safety audit of Stafford Road between Wilsonville and Lake Oswego City Limits. They provided an overview of the study, whose goal was to identify opportunities to improve safety. They provided a handout of their powerpoint, and then explained the process of the road safety audit. The audit report included suggestions that were corridor wide and site specific to individual roads. They said that likely improvements include work on striping, curve warning signs, and work to reduce fast right turns on specific roads.

Christian Snuffin and Joseph Marek took questions from the community. Len Schaber asked who to contact for comments and input on changes to visibility from Shadow Wood Road. The County explained how site evaluations work, and said that based on their method that Shadow Wood would not have changes.

Dave Adams asked about the consulting team and then about timelines for funding projects in the short term and long term. Joe Marek said that there is some funding for the short term projects like striping and signage, and that long term projects do not have funding. Joe Marek said that once funding was identified it could be five years before work happens, and that the real time until a problem (ex: Stafford and Childs Roads or Stafford/Johnson Roads) is fixed is probably ten years.

Larry Read asked what could be done about Johnson Road if a roundabout is unlikely, and asked if something like rumble strips could be used to get peoples attention. Christian Snuffin said rubble strips are an option; however, they are noisy and the neighbors around them are a concern.

A community member asked what could be done to fix the intersections at Stafford and Childs, and Stafford and Johnson because he thought ten years was too long to wait to fix dangerous intersections. He suggested stop signs. Joe Marek said stop signs would not happen.

Richard Fiala said the proposal to eliminate the left turn from Johnson Road onto Stafford Road is a problem, and that residents of Johnson Road need to be able to make a left onto Stafford Road. Richard said there are already huge back ups on Stafford, and that he would like to see a roundabout at Childs Road and Stafford Road.

A community member asked if there was a policy on requiring mitigation of traffic impacts from developers when new developments happen. Joe Marek said Systems Development Charges (SDCs) provide for capacity improvements and are linked to proportional impact. Joe added the County's maintenance funds have a \$17 million shortfall right now.

Len Schaber asked if there were shorter term fixes such as flashing lights, like what are in many school zones, that would help disrupt vision and raise awareness.

A community member said that the residents of the Hamlet have fewer roads and less options for alternative routes when there are accidents or traffic. The community member said that the proposed tolling of I-205 is a concern as some people would choose to drive on surface streets and not the highway to avoid tolls. The community member said there are also problems with drivers speeding. The community member said the long term plan for the Hamlet area roads are already obsolete because of the increased development in the region.

Another community member said that the County should be aware of the proposed sports facilities in the area and their traffic impacts.

A community member said the information on the crashes is from several years ago, and asked is there newer data from the post-recession time on crashes. Christian Snuffin said that there is increased traffic county wide, and that 2015 is the most recent data from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which tallies data on reported crashes. The community member asked how can the community lobby elected officials and help get funding for projects. Joe Marek said that the Oregon legislature and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have already passed a funding package, and that the federal funding of projects is the issue.

Larry Read asked how much funding would be required to fund all the projects in the Stafford Road area between the city limits of Lake Oswego and Wilsonville. Joe Marek said likely it would be near \$200 million. Joe said the roads in the area are a rural road design with urban traffic, without urban density.

Jay Minor introduced Clackamas County Commissioner Sonya Fischer and Lake Oswego City Councilor Jeff Gudman.

Sonya Fischer provided a brief recap of what she and the County have been working on. She thanked the community for its help in educating her and for the work the Hamlet does.

Jeff Gudman said that the cities are committed to finishing their intergovernmental agreement (IGA) on the reserves. The mayors of the three cities have met and there is a draft IGA. Councilor Gudman would like to see an arbitration section in the IGA.

Open Discussion: No comments were made.

Adjournment: Chair Jay Minor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.